

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Jerome D. Brown et al.	Examiner:	John Quoc Nguyen
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Title:	TAPE REEL ASSEMBLY WITH RADIALY SYMMETRIC DEFORMING TAPE WINDING SURFACE		

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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132**

Sir:

I, Jerome D. Brown, declare as follows:

1. I am a named inventor of the subject matter described and claimed in the above-identified U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 10/672,166, filed September 26, 2003.

2. I submit this Declaration in support of the patentability of the claims of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/672,166.

3. This Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 is made in response to the rejection of claims 1, 2, 5-9, and 12-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) based on Zwettler et al., U.S. Pat. No. 6,474,582 ("Zwettler") assigned to Imation Corp., entitled "THREE-PIECE TAPE REEL ASSEMBLY WITH INTEGRATED DRIVING TEETH AND METAL FLANGES," having a publication date of September 26, 2002.

4. I collaborated in conceiving aspects of the hub design shown in FIG. 6 of Zwettler, and in particular, a ring or web 66 extending from a driving member or core 62 to an approximate mid-point of a cylinder or annular arm 61.

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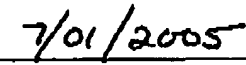
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5. I further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or patent issued thereon.

  
Jerome D. Brown

  
Date